

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-21 (canceled)

Claim 22 (currently amended) A wireless system comprising a first and a second base stations, wherein said first base station comprises memory means for storing first identification information allocated by said first base station for specifying a terminal, and wherein said second base station comprises:

allocation means for allocating second identification information to the terminal for specifying the terminal; and

request means for requesting, in accordance with a signal received from the terminal and including identification information for specifying the first base station, the first base station to release the first identification information allocated by said first base station and stored in said memory means.

Claim 23 (previously presented) A wireless system according to claim 22, wherein said second base station comprises notifying means for notifying a control apparatus in the wireless system about identification information of the second base station and the second identification information.

Claim 24 (previously presented) A wireless system according to claim 22, wherein said first base station is enabled to allocate the first identification information to another

terminal in response to a request of releasing the first identification information.

Claim 25 (currently amended) A method of allocating identification information to a terminal in a wireless system, comprising the steps of:

allocating first identification information by a first base station to the terminal for specifying the terminal:

storing the first identification information in the first base station;

allocating second identification information by a second base station to the terminal for specifying the terminal; and

requesting from the second base station, in accordance with a signal received from the terminal and including identification information for specifying the first base station, the first base station to release the first identification information allocated by the first base station.

Claim 26 (previously presented) A method according to claim 25, further comprising the step of notifying a control apparatus in the wireless system about identification information of the second base station and the second identification information.

Claims 27-28 (canceled)

Claim 29 (previously presented) A wireless system according to claim 22, wherein said second base station comprises receiving means for receiving from the terminal the first identification information, and said request means requests the first base station to release the first identification information in accordance with the first identification information received by said receiving means.

Claim 30 (previously presented) A method according to claim 25, further comprising the step of enabling the first base station to allocate the first identification information to another terminal in response to a request of releasing the first identification information.

Claim 31 (previously presented) A method according to claim 25, further comprising the step of receiving at the second base station from the terminal the first identification information, and wherein said requesting step requests the first base station to release the first identification information in accordance with the first identification information received in said receiving step.